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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate the owners and  
4 employees of the First Community Bank and Trust of Beecher on  
5 the occasion of winning Illinois State Representative Lisa  
6 Dugan's "Good Neighbor" Business of the Year Award; and

7           WHEREAS, The First Community Bank and Trust of Beecher won  
8 the "Good Neighbor" Business of the Year Award based upon its  
9 unwavering support of the Beecher School District and the  
10 Beecher and Peotone communities; the bank was the first  
11 business that approached the school district to form a  
12 business/education partnership, inspiring other businesses to  
13 follow suit; electronic school signs, scorer's tables,  
14 scoreboards, and other various major items have been provided  
15 to the school district due to this generous partnership; and

16           WHEREAS, The First Community Bank has participated in  
17 numerous programs to assist the Beecher and Peotone  
18 communities; the bank has been an active supporter in the  
19 Beecher Education Foundation since its inception in 1995,  
20 raising over \$300,000 for the purchase of unbudgeted materials,  
21 equipment, and programs for the Beecher School District; the  
22 bank has actively supported the Beecher Fourth of July  
23 Commission for over 80 years, helping to make major

1 improvements to Firemen's Park for the benefit of the  
2 community; the bank has also supported the Beecher Community  
3 Scholarship Association since 1963, which has raised over  
4 \$574,000 in scholarships for deserving graduates of Beecher  
5 High School, and has assisted in raising over \$120,000 for the  
6 Peotone Community Scholarship Association; and

7 WHEREAS, The First Community Bank is a member of the  
8 Beecher Chamber of Commerce and the Peotone Chamber of Commerce  
9 with officers or employees serving on the Chambers' Boards; the  
10 bank has supported all of the Chambers' endeavors; and

11 WHEREAS, The First Community Bank was instrumental in  
12 creating the Beecher Community Library, graciously  
13 facilitating the transaction below market value; and

14 WHEREAS, The First Community Bank has initiated and  
15 sponsored a party at the Prairie Pointe business complex with  
16 fellow businesses located at the Pointe for the past two years,  
17 donating a significant portion of the proceeds to the Beecher  
18 Beautification Commission; and

19 WHEREAS, The First Community Bank conducts tours for  
20 various accounting, government, economic, and business classes  
21 from the Beecher High School; the bank also provides employment  
22 opportunities for Beecher High School students through the high

1 school's school-to-work program; and

2 WHEREAS, To further its community involvement, The First  
3 Community Bank also encourages its employees to participate in  
4 numerous local groups to help the community; and

5 WHEREAS, The commitment and dedication shown by the  
6 employees and owners of The First Community Bank and Trust of  
7 Beecher makes this business a model for the organizations and  
8 citizens of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
10 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
11 congratulate the owners and employees of the First Community  
12 Bank and Trust of Beecher on the occasion of winning Illinois  
13 State Representative Lisa Dugan's "Good Neighbor" Business of  
14 the Year Award and wish them continued success and happiness in  
15 the future; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
17 presented to a representative of the First Community Bank and  
18 Trust of Beecher as a symbol of our esteem and respect.